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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced today that a civil complaint was filed against Falks Woodland Pharmacy, Inc. for allegedly distributing controlled substances in violation of federal law. In its complaint, the United States seeks monetary and injunctive relief against Falks.

The complaint alleges the following:

In August 2002, Falks Woodland Pharmacy, Inc., entered into a "Pharmacy Provider Agreement" with a Florida company named Medical Web Services. Medical Web Services operated multiple web sites through which individuals could obtain prescriptions. Individuals accessing one of the web sites would fill out a questionnaire. Medical Web Services would then send completed questionnaires to one of several doctors for review. The doctor would then either issue or deny the requested prescription.

When a prescription was issued by the reviewing doctor, Medical Web Services would transmit the prescription to one of its preferred pharmacies, including the Falks Lignell Pharmacy located in Superior, Wisconsin, which is owned and operated by

Falks Woodland Pharmacy, Inc. Falks generally shipped the medications to the customers via Federal Express within 24 hours of receipt of the prescription from Medical Web Services.

The complaint alleges that Falks improperly filled numerous prescriptions because they were not in accordance with federal law, which requires that a legitimate physician/patient relationship exist before a prescription for a controlled substance be issued or filled. Because the Medical Web Services web sites allowed customers to merely fill out a questionnaire which was then sent to a physician, there was no legitimate physician/patient relationship and the prescriptions should not have been filled.

In addition to Medical Web Services, the complaint alleges that Falks entered into agreements with other similar companies and distributed controlled substances in violation of federal law.

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